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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.111

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Dear Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to a Non-final Office Action dated July 15, 2004, which carried a shortened-statutory period for response of three months.

Applicants request that the following amendments be entered: